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Ramona Santorelli, canoeing on the Genesee River, yesterday joined 19 bare-breasted women for a picnic in the park.

'Topfree' claim victory

20 bare-breasted women attract little attention in Rochester park

By Tony Robinson
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On the first day of summer a group of about 50 people went to Genesee Valley Park to go boating, have a picnic and play softball.

About 20 of the women in the group also decided to take their shirts off. And almost no one seemed to care.

"I think that definitely a point has been made. We can enjoy the beauty of a park setting and not offend people," said Ramona Santorelli, one of the topless women.

What a difference a year makes.

Exactly a year ago yesterday, Santorelli and six other women who became known as the "Topfree 7" made news nationwide when they went topless at Cobbs Hill Park to protest state laws prohibiting women from baring their breasts in public.

A large group gathered to heckle and stare at the women. Police officers arrested them. And Phil Donahue later had them on his television show.

Yesterday, it took police an hour to respond to the only complaint call they received.

Park security guard Mearl Weaver noticed the bare-breasted women at 1:15 p.m. and said he was about to call police. He estimated later that it had taken him about five minutes to get to a phone.

Police did not arrive on the scene until 2:15 p.m., when Investigator John Wernsdorfer of Genesee Section arrived in an unmarked car. About 10 minutes later, a patrol car and an unmarked car driven by Lt. Paul Chechak arrived. But seeing no bare female breasts, the officers left.

The women had donned their shirts as soon as they heard a park officer intended to call police. A victory had been won, they said, because they had remained in the park for nearly two hours without a stir of controversy.

Last year the protesters announced in advance the place and time of their breast-baring and welcomed arrests so that they could effect legal change through the courts.

This year, the focus of the action was more of a social nature.

"We're challenging something bigger than the law — it's sexist attitudes," Santorelli said.

"Our society is breast-obsessed," added Mary Lou Schloss, who was arrested in the protest last year and also went topless yesterday. "I could be paid to dance in a topless bar, but if I go out to the beach or out to the park I face arrest."

"Breast augmentation surgery is the leading cosmetic surgery today," she said.

About 100,000 women face the risk of such surgery while just as many women are dying of breast

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While having fun, topless women at Genesee Valley Park yesterday challenged 'sexist attitudes' about women not wearing shirts.

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At night, he took courses at
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"He was a role model for the black community, especially black youth," said Patrick Massaquoi. White and Massaquoi belonged to a now-defunct group called First Thursday, which advised local political leaders about candidates, Massaquoi said.

Mr. White also spent time encouraging young black professionals by organizing seminars on cor-

and Cherise Peters, both of Atlanta, Ga.; three sons, David of Rochester; Samuel III of Detroit, Mich.; Van of Washington, D.C.; his parents, Samuel and Ida Mae White of Flint, Mich.; three sisters, Barbara Veasley, Lillian Dickerson, Yvonne Baker, all of Flint, Mich.; three brothers, David, Larry, Dwight, all of Flint, Mich.; and three grandsons.

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an Park.

One source familiar with the tunnel work said there had been two earlier fires in the St. Paul Boulevard tunnel. No injuries were reporter after those incidents.

According to the source, who asked not to be identified, on June 5, water apparently seeped into an electrical connection that supplies power to a machine used to line the tunnel with concrete.

The ventilation system carried the smoke north through the tunnel to an area where workers were gathered during a change in work shifts.

Several workers split a compressed air hose and shared air

from the line. Others apparently panicked and were mildly overcome by the smoke.

They were unable to reach emergency air supplies and were administered oxygen when they reached the surface, the source said. Fire and ambulance companies were not summoned.

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Theater, 957 S. Clinton Ave. (271-1785):
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Theatres, Eastview Mall, Victor (223-3770):
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e Drive-In Theatre, 159 Ling Road, Greece
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owne Theatre, 394 Jefferson Road, Henrietta
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Hills Cop II (R) (auditorium #1) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.
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or (R) 1, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30.
Dollar Mystery (PG) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45.

ebster, 2190 Empire Blvd., Webster (671-6900):
Hills Cop II (R) 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
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The Witches of Eastwick (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:20.
The Believers (R) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:15.
Predator (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:45.
Harry & the Hendersons (PG) 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40.
Roxanne (PG) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10.
The Secret of My Success (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30.
Blind Date (PG-13) 1:30, 3:45, 5:45, 8, 9:50.
Ernest Goes to Camp (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15.
The Gate (PG-13) 7, 9.
Benji the Hunted (G) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

Loews Westgate, 2044 Chili Ave., Gates (247-7890):
Blind Date (PG) 2, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45.
Harry & the Hendersons (PG) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10.

Lyell Theatre, 1356 Lyell Ave. (458-8523):
Hulkamania (X) 10:45, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15.
Bordello (X) 12:30, 3:30, 6, 9.

Marketplace Mall Cinemas, 3400 W. Henrietta Road (272-1470):
Benji the Hunted (G) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.
The Witches of Eastwick (R) 1:15, 4, 7:15, 10.
River's Edge (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:25.
Roxanne (PG) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50.
Ernest Goes to Camp (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40.
Platoon (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

Monroe Theatre, 585 Monroe Ave. (473-0160):
Little Angels (X) 9:45, 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 7:45, 10:20.
I Want to Be Bad (X) 11, 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9:05.

Panorama Theatres, 1621 Penfield Road, Panorama Plaza, Penfield (381-7880):
Tin Men (R) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35.
Harry & the Hendersons (PG) 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45.

Stoneridge Theatres, Stoneridge Plaza, Greece (621-1550):
Beverly Hills Cop II (R) 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:30.
The Untouchables (R) 1:30, 4, 7:15, 9:45.
Platoon (R) 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45.

Todd Mart Cinema I & II, 3000 S. Winton Road, Brighton (427-8340):
Raising Arizona (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45.
Radio Days (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

Washington Drive-In Theatre, 4199 N. Washington St., East Rochester (586-4866):
Police Academy IV (PG) 9:30.
Little Shop of Horrors (PG-13) 11.

Westmar Cinema I & II, 2105 Buffalo Road, Gates (426-1195):
The Witches of Eastwick (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.
Project X (PG) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10.

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